

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are canceled by this Amendment. Claims 9-14 are pending and stand refected. Claims 15-29 are added. Claims 9-29 are therefore at issue.

Support for the Amendments

Claim 9 is amended to recited that a representation of the two or more symbols is displayed in response to the first type of actuation. Such is supported at least by Figures 5-7 and accompanying text in the Specification.

New Claims 15-29 recite limitations similar to those recited by Claims 9-14 and are supported at least by Claims 9-14 as originally filed and by the support for the amendment to Claim 9 as described above.

No new matter is added.

The Claims are Allowable Over the Cited Art

The Examiner rejected Claim 9 as being anticipated by Lin et al (U.S. Patent 5,528,235) as being anticipated by Hirschberg (U.S. Patent 6,597,345). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections.

As amended, Claim 9 recites “displaying a representation of the two or more symbols” “in response to the detecting of the first type of actuation.” The advantage of the recited displayed representation of the two or more symbols is shown in Applicant's Figures 5, 8, and 9

which illustrate that a rather large number of symbols can be associated with a single key if the user is permitted to navigate a table of symbols associated with a particular key.

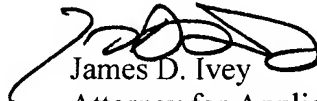
The Examiner has not identified any teaching or suggestion in either Lin et al. or Hirshberg that the symbols are displayed in response to a button actuation for subsequent selection by the user. Accordingly, Claim 9 is allowable over Lin et al. and Hirschberg.

Claims 10-29, either directly or indirectly, recite language similar to that discussed above with respect to Claim 9 and are therefore allowable over Lin et al. and Hirschberg for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

Claims 9-29 are now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next action is other than for allowance of Claims 9-29 or if the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to the above identified case, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 336-1100.

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